





NOW,
IF YOU'D
ALLOW US TO
INVESTIGATE
HER ROOM.

THAT'S
THE ONLY
THING WE'VE
VERIFIED
AT THIS
POINT.



IT'S
DEFINITELY
TRUE THAT SHE
WAS WEARING
THIS COAT,
BUT...



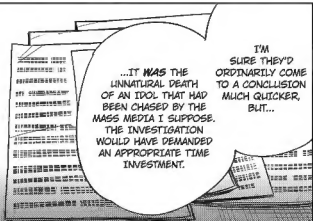
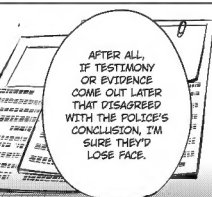
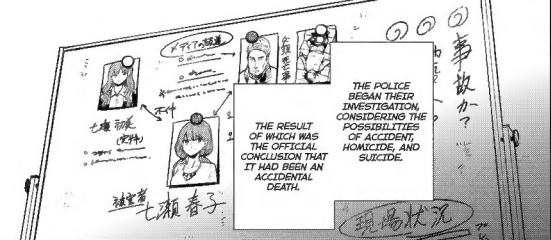
IT WAS THUS
CONCLUDED THAT
THE CORPSE
BELONGED TO
NANASE KARIN
(NANASE HARUKO).

THE FINGER-
PRINTS FOUND
IN HER HOTEL
ROOM AND ON
HER PERSONAL
EFFECTS ALSO
MATCHED THOSE
OF THE CORPSE.



THE
ESTIMATED
TIME OF DEATH
WAS SOME-
WHERE BETWEEN
MIDNIGHT TO
1 AM ON THE
MORNING OF
THE 30TH.

THE MAN
WHO FIRST
DISCOVERED
THE BODY ALSO
SAID THAT WAS
AROUND THE
TIME HE'D
HEARD THE
NOISES.

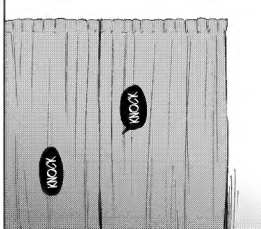




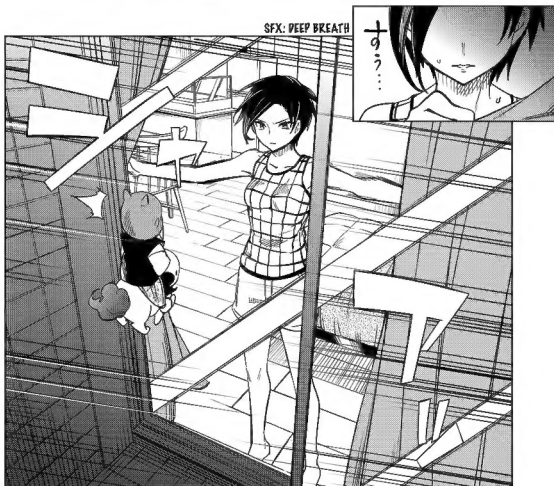
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SFX: GASP





**I'M
EVER SO
SORRY FOR
DISTURBING
YOU SO LATE
AT NIGHT!!!**

SFX: ANNNNN...



**I HAVE COME
HENCEWITH AS
A FAMILIAR OF
THE ONE-EYED,
ONE-LEGGED
OHII-SAMA!!!**



**HAAAAAA,
I BELIEVE
THAT I HAVE
FRIGHTENED
YOU MOST
PROFOUNDLY,
BUT...**

WINGHI...

SFX: ANNNNNNN...



**I AM THE
KODAMA
SPIRIT
KNOWN
AS GENI-
CHIROU!**

AHEN-!

ONE-
EYED, ONE-
LEGGED...?

HAH-!



OH PLEASE,
PLEASE, I
BESEECH OF
YOU, DO NOT
TREAT ME WITH
VIOLENCE!

I AM BUT
A FRAIL,
FEEBLE
KODAMA
SPIRIT!



I'M ONE-
EYED AND ONE-
LEGGED, SO
I'M ALL G~
OOOOOOOOD!

**IT
WAS
HER
!!**



YOU
MONSTERS
HAVE NO REASON
TO BE FRIGHTENED
OF ME. ALSO,
LOWER THE
VOLUME.

STOP
THAT.

IF YOU
WERE TO
SQUEEEZE
AND WRENCH ME
IN THAT HAND
OF YOURS, I'D
BE HELP-
LESS!





BE THAT AS
IT MAY, OHII-SAMA
HAS SAID THAT YOU
ARE QUITE WILD, AND
THUS WE MUST TAKE
EXCEEDING CAUTION
NOT TO OFFEND
YOU.

I AM
SO GOING
TO PUNCH
THAT LITTLE
GIRL NEXT
TIME I SEE
HER.



HAAA...



HE'S JUST A TINY
YOUKAI, BUT IF HE
SENSES MY FEAR HE
MIGHT JUST SWOOP IN
AND ATTACK ME.

I'VE
GOT TO STAY
FIRM HERE.



WHAT
DOES THAT
GIRL WANT
FROM ME?

WELL?

待望のコミックス本格刊行スタート!!!

MAGAZINE R [アール]

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超大型

漆黒の天

巻頭カラー 66P!

絶園のテンペスト 城平京原作

虚

気爆発 86P!

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Invented Inference

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理

ボールルーム

描き下ろし 特製イラスト

センターカラー 51P!

センターカラー 63P!

欲鬼

コミックス 1巻 完結中...

新連載 第2巻 48P!

コミックス 1巻 完結中...

パンティvs.ブラジャー ヒーチホーイリバーサリ

新装刊 4号





MEETING
HER'S FINE,
BLIT WHERE?

YEAH, I'M
DEFINITELY
GONNA HAVE
TO WHACK THAT
GIRL AT LEAST
THREE TIMES.



INDEED.
BUT BE THAT
AS IT MAY, SO
SHALL OHII-
SAMA DO.

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TL NOTE: RI = OLD JAPANESE UNIT OF DISTANCE, APPROX. 3.027KM OR 2.44 MILES.



THEREFORE,
THERE IS NO
NEED FOR YOU TO
WORRY YOURSELF
OVER ANYTHING.

OHII-SAMA
HAS STATED
THAT THERE, SHE
WILL BURDEN
HERSELF WITH
THE COST OF
YOUR FOOD
AND DRINK.

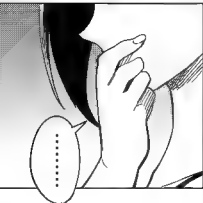


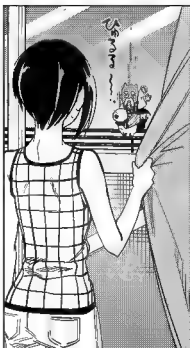
HRMMM...

OHII-SAMA
HATH GONE TO A
FAMILY RESTAURANT
ABOUT 2 RI HENCE
FROM HERE.

INDEED.

I MYSELF
SHALL, HENCE-
FORTH, GUIDE
YOU THERE.









KOUJIN
NANASE HAS
APPEARED.



THAT'S
TNEARBY.



THE
BUS STOP IN
MAKURAZAKA'S
3RD DISTRICT.

WHERE
AT?

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EVEN
THOUGH IT
WAS ME THE
ONE WHO CALLED
SAKI-SAN OUT
HERE, WHAT
BAD TIMING.



IN CASE
SAKI-SAN COMES
AROUND, CAN I ASK
YOU TO WAIT HERE
UNTIL I RETURN?

IF SHE
ARRIVES
BEFORE THEN,
PASS ALONG TO
HER THE LOCATION
WHERE KOUJIN
NANASE HAS
APPEARED.

ALR-
IIGHT.



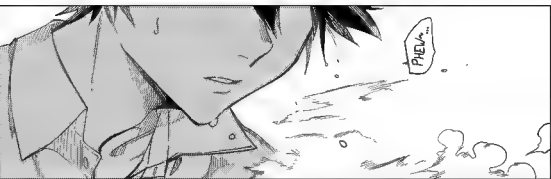
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INVENTED INFERENCE

STORY: SHIRODAIRA KYO

ILLUSTRATION: NARUSE CHASIM

PRESENTED BY

CAFE CONIRST



TRANSLATION
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EDITOR



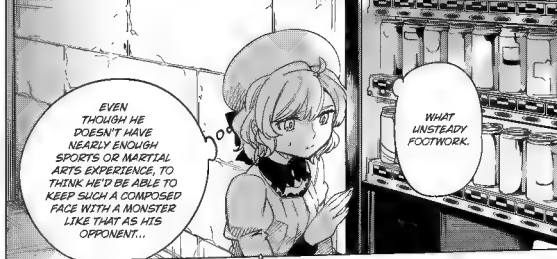
CHARACTER DESIGN
TALL IS LOVE
EDITOR
PRESIDENT, IRIS
SASORI

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SUPPORT THE MANGA INDUSTRY
BY ACQUIRING THE OFFICIAL VOLUMES
ONCE THEY BECOME AVAILABLE IN
YOUR REGION/COUNTRY.

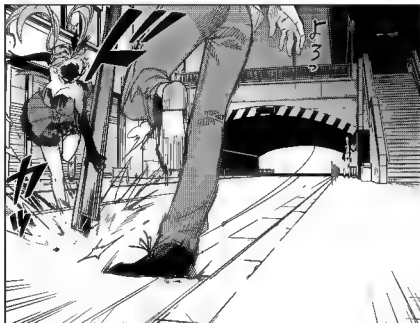


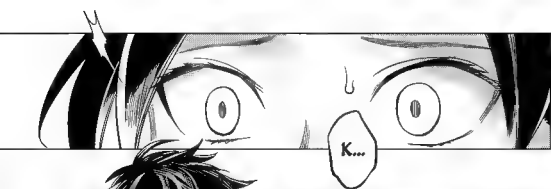






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FINALLY
REALIZED
IT, HM? EVEN
THOUGH NEITHER
HIS APPEARANCE NOR
THE ATMOSPHERE HE
GIVES OFF SHOULD
HAVE CHANGED IN
THE SLIGHTEST
SINCE YOU TWO
BROKE UP,
SAKI-SAN.

YES, THAT'S
KURIOLI-SENPAI
ALRIGHT.



...BUT, I
MEAN...

...KURIOLI-
KUN WAS
NEVER THAT
COMFORTABLE
ABOUT
FIGHTING.



IF WE
GET TOO
CLOSE IT'S
POSSIBLE WE'LL
CARELESSLY
GET MIXED
UP IN IT.

LET'S
JUST WATCH
HOW THINGS
UNFOLD FOR
A BIT.





...WHO'S
EATEN THE FLESH
OF A MERMAID AND
GAINED THE POWER OF
IMMORTALITY, WILL
JUST STAND RIGHT
BACK UP AGAIN,
RIGHT?







虚構推理

Invented Inference

これまでのあらすじ



▼ Character 押さえるべきはこの5人。事件への関わりと恋愛関係がこれでまるわかり!



桜川九郎

11歳の時に人魚の肉を食べ、不死になる。さらにもう一匹、妖怪の肉を食べているようで、その結果、怪異にさえ恐れられる存在になってしまっている。現在、行方不明中。

好き♡

?



岩永琴子

幼いころ怪異に襲われ、片断片断足を奪われる<一断一足>になって以来、そのものたちの知恵の神(相談役)になる。病院で出された九郎に一目惚れした。自給、九郎のオカノ。

まだ未練が...

?



妹背を撮え、フリルの自立つ藤と黒のミニスカドレスをまとい、頭にリボンをつけ、人々を襲っている。過去に家死した元アイドル・七瀬かりんの亡霊だという噂が...

鋼人七瀬



七瀬かりん



引原紗季

九郎の元カノ。結婚の約束までしていたが、カップさえも恐怖に声を震わせて逃げたまう九郎の真実を知り、別れることに。就職して警察官となる。

好意

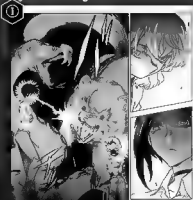
好みが合わないが...



寺田巡査部長

34歳、東道五段の熟練刑事。鋼人七瀬の噂を耳にして、内々に調査を始める。同じ警察署に勤める紗季のことが気になる。

Story



鋼人七瀬を撃退した紗季と紗季、九郎の元カノ(引原紗季)は、ついに三つが出たまう。



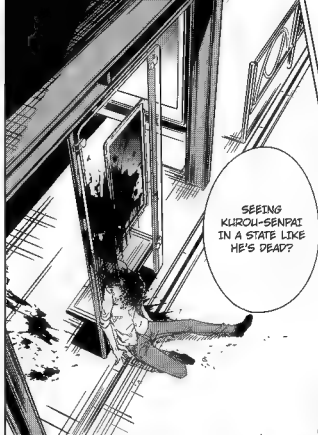
父親の死亡事故

七瀬かりんは父の死を調査した際に巻き込まれていた。



鋼人七瀬が生まれる原因と、七瀬かりんの死の原因を解る紗季は、鋼人七瀬とのかいりへへと調査。手こに書かれていたのは、父の父親を殺害した怪異がかけられている。

鋼人七瀬を倒すには、紗季(警察)の持つ情報、そして九郎の能力が必要だと確信した紗季は奔走する。一方、行方不明だった九郎も真意板市へとやってくるのであった。



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IS IT
REALLY THAT
STRANGE TO
SUDDENLY GET
TERRIFIED AT
THE THOUGHT OF
GIVING BIRTH TO
THE CHILD OF
A MAN LIKE
THAT?

WAS
I NOT
ALLOWED
TO RETHINK
GETTING
MARRIED TO HIM?

TWITCH

SHE HAD
QUITE A ROBUST
LOVER...NOT THE TYPE
TO ACCEPT A WONDERFUL
HUSBAND WHO'D NEVER
NEED TO WORRY OVER
LIFE INSURANCE,
HUH...?

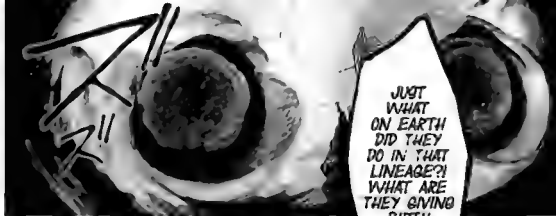
OH WELL,
LOOKS LIKE IT'D
BE IMPOSSIBLE
WITH HIM BEING
IN THAT STATE.

WELL YES,
HE'S IMMORTAL,
SO SOMETHING
LIKE THAT'S
NOTHING.

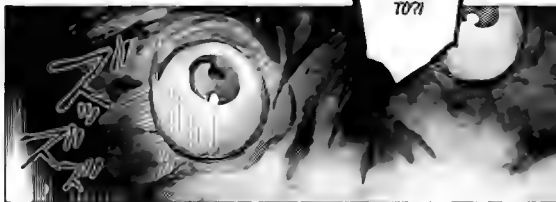
TELL
ME, HAVE
YOU EVER
SEEN THE
SAKURAGAWA
HOUSE'S
FAMILY
TREE?

WAS
KUROU-KUN
...THE ONLY
ONE WHO
PROPERLY
LIVED?

EVEN
THOUGH HE
AND HIS RELATIVES
HAVE I DON'T KNOW
HOW MANY DOZENS
OF BROTHERS AND
SISTERS, DID YOU
KNOW THAT THE
MAJORITY OF
THEM HAVE DIED
FROM BIZARRE
DEATH OR
ILLNESSES?



JUST
WHAT
ON EARTH
DID THEY
DO IN THAT
LINEAGE?!
WHAT ARE
THEY GIVING
BIRTH
TO?!





IT'S NOT
STRANGE,
HOWEVER...



AH.



IS
IT THAT
STRANGE...
FOR ME TO
BE SCARED
OF THOSE
THINGS
TOO?



KUROU-
SENPAI'S
FINISHED
MAKING
HIS RECOVERY,
HASN'T HE?

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SEX: DEEP BREATH



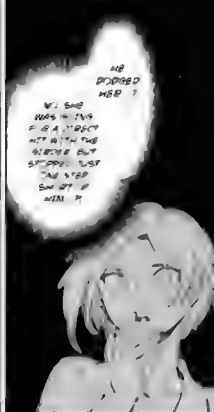






IT'S AS IF
BOTH KOLTON KUN
AND A WITNESS
MOVED ACCORDING
TO A SCRIPT OR
SOMETHING

IT
HAPPENED
LIKE HE WAS
CERTAIN
OF IT



HE
DIDN'T
HEAR ?

WELL SHE
WAS HEARING
FOR A MILLISECOND
BUT WITH THE
SILENCE BUT
STOPPED JUST
TWO SECONDS
SHORT OF
HEARING



TO THINK
HE'D BE ABLE
TO HEAR THAT
KOLTON KUN
SO SIMPLY



THE
ONLY THING
RESEMBLING
THE MURDERER
TO "RESEMBLE" "DOES"
STRENGTH AND
SOUNDING
THE SAME

THE LIKELI-
HOOD OF THIS
SORT OF THING
HAPPENING IS
EXTREMELY
HIGH, I'M
SURE

IT'S
ONLY BECAUSE
KOLTON KUN
IS FOR THE MOST
PART KILLING
ABOUT THAT
STILL BEAM
MINDLESSLY

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CHAPTER 4: YET ANOTHER IMPURITY



YOUR VOICES, VOICES,
VOICES HAVE BEEN HEARD
AS THE RAVE-REVIEWS FOR 'THE
SURPRISE FRAUGHT "DATING X
ROMANCE X MYSTERY" HAVE
BEEN POURING IN FROM
ALL SIDES!!!

COMICS
VOL.1 IS ON SALE
NOW AND EXTREMELY
POPULAR! VOLUME 2
GOES ON SALE (TUES.)
NOVEMBER 17TH!!

ARE YOU ALL ON YOUR OWN AS WELL...?



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ORIGINAL NOVEL CHARACTER DESIGNS: KIYOHARA KURO



...IT'S NOT
DIFFICULT FOR
KUROU-SENPAI TO
DETERMINE THAT
FUTURE IN
ADVANCE.

AND
IF IT'S GOT
THAT HIGH OF A
LIKELIHOOD OF
OCCURRING...



BECAUSE
THAT'S KUROU-
SENPAI'S OTHER
ABILITY.

ALONG
WITH THE
MERMAID,
HE ALSO
CONSUMED
...



...THE
POWER OF THE
SOOTHSAYING
BEAST, "KUDAN".
"THE ABILITY TO
ACERTAIN THE
FUTURE".



NATURALLY, ONE REASON IS FOR THE SAKE OF SATIATING OUR APPETITES AND TAKING IN NUTRIENTS, WHILE ANOTHER IS FOR THE SAKE OF ENJOYING THE TASTE.

SOMETIMES WE INGEST FOOD AS MEDICINE.

SOMETIMES WE CONSUME RITUALISTICALLY, AND ALSO SOMETIMES MEAT OR ENTRAILS ARE TAKEN WITH SHADES OF WITCHCRAFT.

HOWEVER, THESE ARE NOT THE ONLY CASES TO WHICH IT'S LIMITED.

EVEN THOUGH THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE MIGHT DOUBT THE EFFICACY OF SUCH...

...THESE PRACTICES ARE STILL CONTINUED TODAY.





FOR ANY OF SUCH THINGS, ONE CAN NORMALLY FIND THEM SOLD AFTER BEING TURNED INTO FINE POWDERS, WHOSE EFFECTS CAN BE TRUSTED.

EVEN THROUGH THINGS SUCH AS BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS, THE DISPOSITIONS AND PREFERENCES OF THE HUMAN WHO FURNISHED THE BLOOD MAY BE PASSED ON.

IT'S EVEN SPOKEN IN RUMORS THAT THE TALENTS, CHARACTERISTICS, AND MEMORIES OF ORGAN DONORS WHO SUPPLIED FOR TRANSPLANTS CAN INFLUENCE THE RECIPIENTS.

IF ONE'S EYES DEVELOPS PROBLEMS, ONE SHOULD EAT THE EYES OF ANIMALS WITH FINE EYESIGHT TO IMPROVE.



IF ONE'S LIVER DEVELOPS PROBLEMS, ONE SHOULD EAT THE LIVER AND INNARDS OF HEALTHY ANIMALS TO IMPROVE.

IF ONE WISHES TO IMPROVE THEIR VITALITY, ONE SHOULD EAT PORTIONS OF ANIMALS WHICH POSSESS STRONG VITALITY.

...WILL LEAD TO INCORPORATING SAID PARTY'S ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES. SUCH IDEALS EXIST IN PLACES VERY CLOSE TO US.

THE ACT OF ASSIMILATING A PART OF SOMEONE OR SOMETHING ELSE...



DOING SO
WOULD ALLOW
ONE TO TAKE IN
THEIR ENEMIES'
POWER UNTO
THEMSELVES.

THE
REASONS
FOR SUCH
CANNIBALISM
WERE TAUGHT
AS SUCH:

DURING BATTLES IN
ANCIENT TIMES, RITUALS
AND FORMALITIES WERE
CARRIED OUT IN WHICH
THE HEARTS OF DEFEATED
ENEMY COMMANDERS AND
LEADERS WOULD BE
CONSUMED.

AND SO SUCH
WAS TAUGHT TO THOSE
OF THE SAKURAGAWA
CLAN, MANY DOZENS
OF GENERATIONS
PRIOR TO KUROU.



THE
REASONS
FOR SUCH
CANNIBALISM
WERE TAUGHT
AS SUCH:



IT CAN SPEAK
IN THE HUMAN TONGUE,
AND IF IT PREDICTS THE
FUTURE WITH ITS POWER
IT WILL THEN PERISH.

"KUDAN". WRITTEN
IN CHINESE CHARACTERS
AS "犍". IT IS A YOKAI
WITH THE HEAD OF A
HUMAN AND THE
BODY OF A BULL.



ISN'T IT
POSSIBLE THAT
IF I EAT THE MEAT
OF THE KUDAN, I SHALL
GAIN IT'S POWER OF
FORESIGHT?



THERE ARE
TIMES WHEN SUCH
PREDICTIONS FORETELL
GOOD FUTURES, SUCH AS
ABUNDANT HARVESTS AND
THE PROSPERING OF
ONE HOUSE AND
CLAN, BUT...

...IN THE MAJORITY
OF CASES HORRIBLE
CALAMITIES WERE
PREDICTED, SUCH AS
MEAGER CROPS, NATURAL
DISASTERS, AND OUTBREAKS
OF DISEASE. AND THEY
NEVER FAILED TO
COME TRUE.

IT WAS ALSO
REPORTED THAT THE
KUDAN BORN DURING
WORLD WAR II PROPHESED
JAPAN'S LOSS IN THE
CONFLICT AS WELL.

AHHH,
I WISH TO
OBTAIN SUCH
POWER BY ANY
MEANS.

IF ONE
COULD **FREELY**
VIEW THE FUTURE, I
WONDER THE EXTENT
OF THE WEALTH AND
POWER ONE COULD
EVEN GAIN!

AND SO, THAT
MAN OBTAINED THE
MEAT OF THE KUDAN
AND FED IT TO VARIOUS
PEOPLE WITHIN HIS
HOUSEHOLD.

SUCH A
SUPERNATURAL
POWER, SUCH
A DIVINE
ABILITY...!

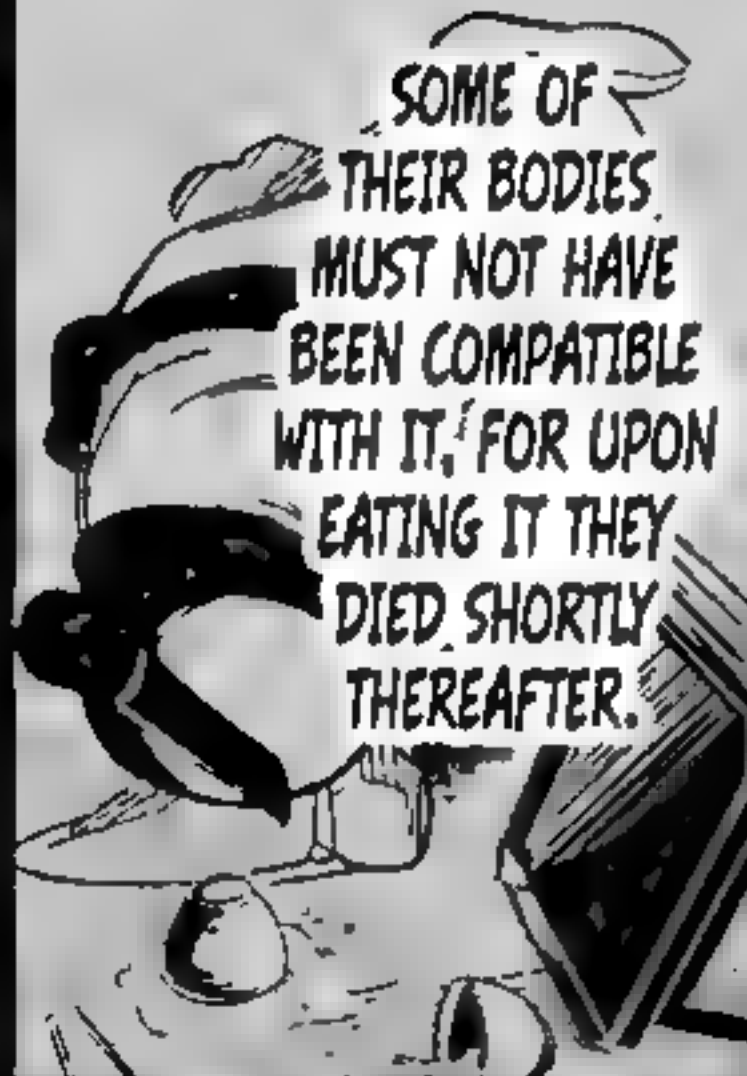
SOME OF
THEM PREDICTED
THE FUTURE, AND
THEN DIED.



SOME OF
THEM SLEPT
FOR AN ENTIRE
MONTH BEFORE
DYING.



SOME OF
THEIR BODIES
MUST NOT HAVE
BEEN COMPATIBLE
WITH IT, FOR UPON
EATING IT THEY
DIED SHORTLY
THEREAFTER.



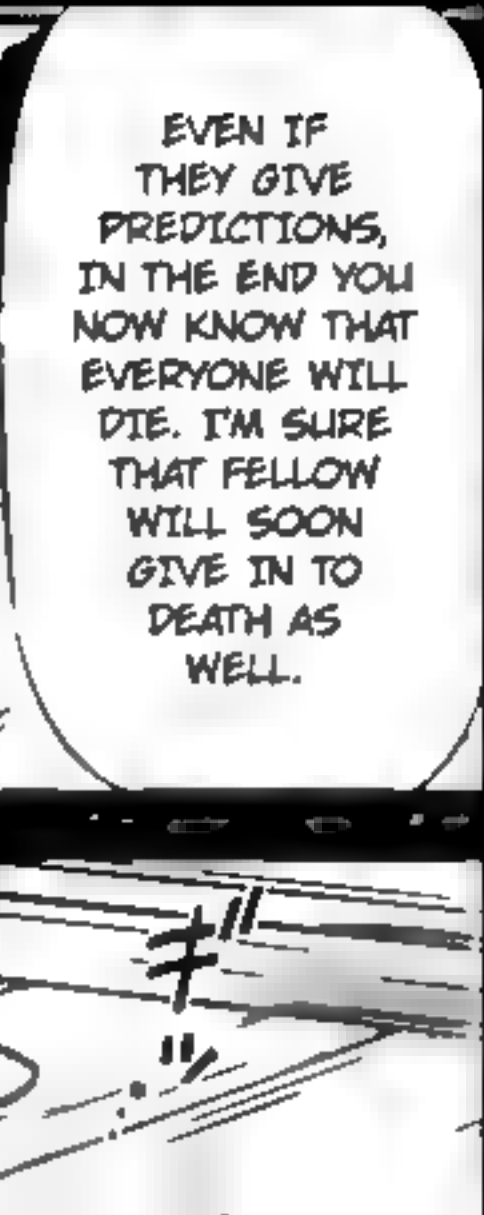
AND IT IS
SAID THAT THEIR
PREDICTIONS CAME
SPLENDIDLY
TRUE.



WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?



EVEN IF
THEY GIVE
PREDICTIONS,
IN THE END YOU
NOW KNOW THAT
EVERYONE WILL
DIE. I'M SURE
THAT FELLOW
WILL SOON
GIVE IN TO
DEATH AS
WELL.



COULD WE
NOT PLEASE
CEASE SUCH
AN ERRAND?

IT
SEEMS
AS IF
HE'S
GONE
MAD.



AND FROM
THENCEFORTH,
WHenever THEY
HEARD OF A
KUDAN APPEARING
THEY WOULD HAVE
SOMEONE THERE
KILL IT.

I SHALL
USE THIS
POWER,
WITHOUT
'MONOPOLIZ-
ING' IT.

AND THUS
IT REPEATED, A
BLOOD RELATIVE
OF THE SAKURAGAWA
HOUSE PURCHASING
AND BEING MADE
TO EAT THE
CORPSE.

YES,
THERE WILL
BE VICTIMS, BUT
WHAT I UNDERSTAND
IS THAT ONCE THEY
EAT OF THE MEAT
THEY DO OBTAIN
THE POWER OF
PROPHECY.

M...

MASTER
...!

NOW THAT
I THINK ON IT,
EVEN THE YOKAI
CALLED KUDAN **THEM-
SELVES** SOON DIE
UPON MAKING THEIR
PROPHECIES.

...EVEN
THOUGH THEY
EAT THE MEAT
AND GAIN THE
POWER OF FUTURE
SIGHT, ALL OF THEM,
UPON MAKING THEIR
PREDICTIONS
IMMEDIATELY
DIE...

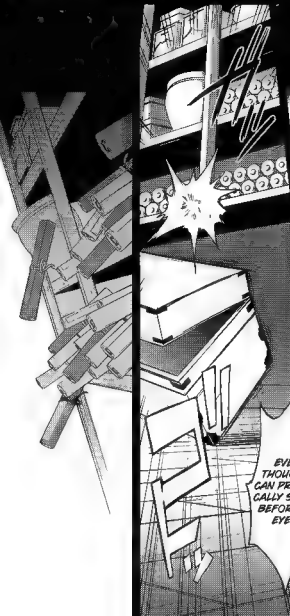
MY
EXPERIMENTS
HAVE LARGELY
BEEN A SUCCESS,
BUT...



IS IT
POSSIBLE
THAT THE POWER
OF A LOST LIFE
IS REQUIRED IN
ORDER TO SEE
THE FUTURE?

OR
COULD IT
POSSIBLY
BE...

...THAT
SEEING THE
FUTURE IS
SOMETHING
THAT CAN ONLY
BE EXCHANGED
BY GIVING
ONE'S LIFE IN
EXCHANGE?



EVEN
THOUGH I
CAN PRACTI-
CALLY SEE IT
BEFORE MY
EYES!

EVEN
THOUGH
I'VE COME
SO CLOSE
!!!

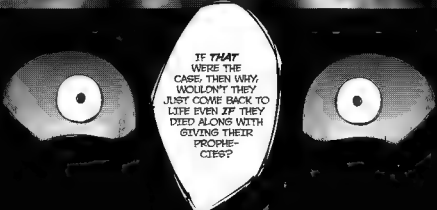
EEE
EYYY
!!!



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IN THAT CASE,
EVERYTHING
SHOULD BE FINE
IF BUT THE ONE
HOLDING THE POWER
OF PROPHECY IS
ALSO THE OWNER
OF AN LINDYING
BODY.



IF THAT
WERE THE
CASE, THEN WHY,
WOULDN'T THEY
JUST COME BACK TO
LIFE EVEN IF THEY
DIED ALONG WITH
GIVING THEIR
PROPHE-
CIES?





THIS IS A
STROKE OF
GENIUS!

IF ONE
WERE TO
COME BACK
TO LIFE,
THEY COULD
MAKE MORE
PROPHE-
CIES!

THEY
COULD
VIEW THE
FUTURE
FOR ALL
ETERNITY
!!!

KA
KA
KA
-!!



THE NUMBER
OF VICTIMS WHO
CONSUMED THEM AND DIED
INCREASED DRAMATICALLY,
AS DID THE NUMBER OF
BIZARRE CORPSES THAT
ACCUMULATED.

SINCE THERE
WERE NOW TWO TYPES
OF YOKAI MEAT, THERE
WAS NO WAY COMBINING
THEM WOULD GO WELL.

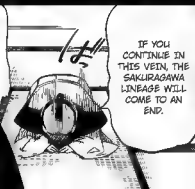


AND SO
BEGAN CONDUCTING
EXPERIMENTS IN WHICH
HE FED THEM THE FLESH
OF THE MERMAID ALONG
WITH THE FLESH OF
THE KUDAN.



PLEASE
GIVE UP
ON THIS
MADNESS,
MASTER!

IF YOU
CONTINUE IN
THIS VEIN, THE
SAKURAGAWA
LINEAGE WILL
COME TO AN
END.





BEFORE
LONG, TIME
HAD PASSED,
AND THE NUMBER
OF PEOPLE IN
THE SAKURAGAWA
FAMILY ITSELF,
EVEN INCLUDING
DISTANT RELA-
TIVES, GREW
SPARSE.

HOWEVER,
NO MATTER
HOW LONG HE
WAITED, THE
EXPERIMENTS
NEVER MET
WITH ANY
SUCCESS.

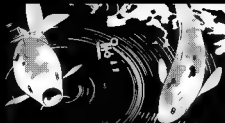
IT'LL
BE FINE WE
SIMPLY BEAR
MORE CHILDREN.
I ALSO WILL
NOT BALK AT
ADOPTING
MORE OF
THEM.



AND EVEN THE
ONES WHO HAD
INHERITED THAT
EXPERIMENT
CONCEIVED OF
IN NIGHTMARES
HAD GONE.



KUROI.









E...
EVERY-
ONE...

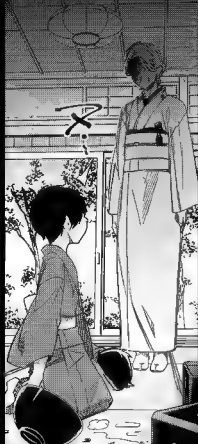
...LOOKS
LIKE THEY
ARE IN
PAIN.



KUROI.



OHhhh,
MY KUIROI.



DOES
IT HURT
ANYWHERE?

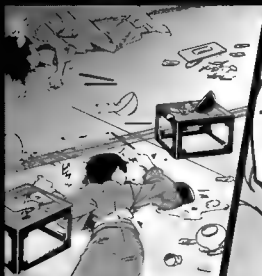
DO
YOU HAVE
A FEVER?

HOW
ABOUT ANY
NALISEA?

NO,
NOTHING...



YOU
DON'T FEEL
LIKE THERE'S
ANYTHING AT
ALL WRONG?



WE'VE
OBTAINED
"AN IMMORTAL
BODY" AND
"THE POWER
OF PROPHECY"...!

KUROU'S
GRANDMOTHER
HAD STILL SEEN
THE DREAM.

THEY HAD
SECRETLY
GATHERED
MEAT FROM THE
KUDAN AND
MERMAIDS.





WHETHER OR NOT HE
WAS REALLY IMMORTAL,
AND WHETHER OR NOT HE
COULD REALLY PREDICT
THE FUTURE...

SHE REPEATEDLY
CHOPPED UP HIS BODY
AND INFLICTED OTHER
FATAL WOUNDS.

AFTER EATING THE
FLESH OF THE KUDAN AND THE
MERMAID, IT SEEMS LIKE KUROU
HAD VARIOUS THINGS TESTED
ON HIM BY HIS ECSTATIC
GRANDMOTHER.



KUROU.

(lop)

AS A RESULT,
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH
HE ALL BUT LOST THE
ABILITY TO FEEL
ANY PAIN.

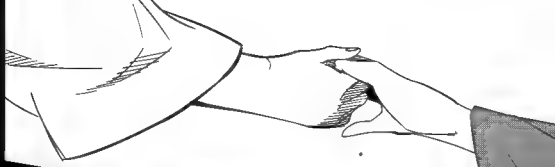




A HUGE
BLINCH OF
FIREFLIES
HAVE COME OUT
AROUND THE
RIVER OUT
BACK.

LET'S
GO AND
WATCH
THEM.





UH-UH.



WHAT'S
WRONG?

HOWEVER, THE
MISCALCULATION
YOU COULD SAY
THEY'D MADE LAY
IN THE LACK OF
THE DEGREE OF
FREEDOM IN THE
ABILITY THEY'D
SO DESIRED...

THE LONG-
STANDING
DESIRE OF THE
SAKURAGAWA
CLAN HAD BEEN
GRANTED.

IT'S
NOTHING.

...NEE-
SAN.





THE
PLANNED
SITE FOR THE
APARTMENT
CONSTRUCTION
WAS NEAR THE
HOTEL WHERE
SHE WAS
STAYING

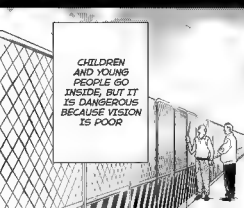


NANASE
KARIN'S
CORPSE WAS
DISCOVERED
SATURDAY,
JANUARY
30TH...



THERE IS
A GAP IN IT
BECAUSE IT
WOULD HAVE
SEEN ODD TO
THROW
IT OUT

ALTHOUGH
THERE WAS
A FENCE AT
THE PLANNED
SITE TO
PREVENT
INTRUSIONS



CHILDREN
AND YOUNG
PEOPLE GO
INSIDE, BUT IT
IS DANGEROUS
BECAUSE VISION
IS POOR



THE
MIDDLE OF
CONSTRUCTION
WAS INTERRUPTED
AT THE END OF
DECEMBER. THEY
HAD FINISHED
THE FOUNDATION
WORK, BUT THE
INTERRUPTION
HAD CAUSED A
DETERIORATION
OF THE PARENT
COMPANY'S
CASH FLOW.

AFTER
A YEAR, IT
BECAME AN
ABANDONED
LOT.

THAT IS
KUROU-SENPAI
AND THE SAKURAGAWA
FAMILY'S SECRET.

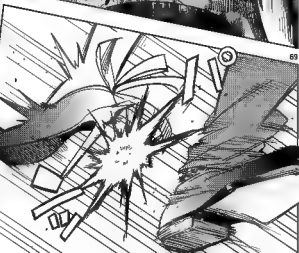
HE WAS
HUMAN, BUT
NEVERTHELESS
HAD BECOME
SOMETHING
INHUMAN.





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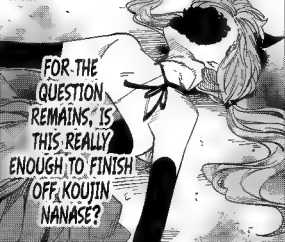


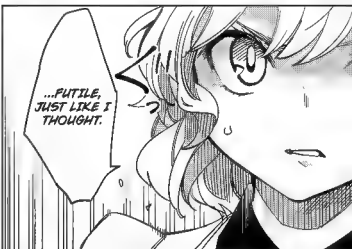














IT MEANS
WE CANNOT
EXORCIZE KOUJIN
NANASE BY ANY
OF THE NORMAL
METHODS!



WE'RE
GOING TO NEED A
DIFFERENT WAY OF
EXORCIZING KOUJIN
NANASE



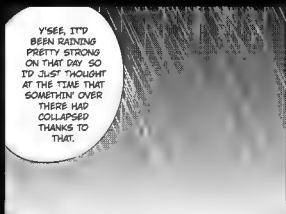
WELL,
SOMEONE
I THINK WE
CAN CALL ON
WITH THAT





THERE'RE
GIRDERS
LEANING UP
AGAINST THE
PREFABS OVER
THERE, AND I'D
OFTEN THOUGHT
'AIN'T THAT
DANGEROUS?"

THE FIRST
PERSON TO
DISCOVER THE
CORPSE WAS
A 70-YEAR OLD
GENTLEMAN LIVING
IN THE ISOLATED
HOUSE ACROSS THE
ROAD FROM THE
CONSTRUCTION
PLOT.



Y'SEE, IT'D
BEEN RAINING
PRETTY STRONG
ON THAT DAY SO
I'D JUST THOUGHT
AT THE TIME THAT
SOMETHIN' OVER
THERE HAD
COLLAPSED
THANKS TO
THAT.



THEY
SEEMED
LIKE THE
SOUNDS
OF STEEL
BEAMS OR
OTHER RAW
MATERIALS
FALLING
DOWN.

I'D HEARD
SOUNDS THE
NIGHT PRIOR
TO THE DAY I
FOUND THE
DEAD BODY



THE NEXT
MORNING WHEN
I WAS OUT FOR
MY WALK, I GLANCED
OVER TO TAKE A
LOOK PAST THE
FENCE.











**KUROH-
SENPAI-!**



**LOWERING
MY HEAD TO
YOUR FORMER
WOMAN-!**

**QUITE
THE OPPOSITE,
IT'D BE FAIR
TO SAY THAT IT
WAS ME SAVED
SAKI-SAN.**

**I DON'T
RECALL
DOING ANY-
THING TO
WARRANT
THIS
TREAT-
MENT,
AND--**

**ENOUGH
ALREADY, JUST
APOLOGIZE.**





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IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

SAKI-SAN?



IWANAGA...

EH-!
THERE'S A FAMILY RESTAURANT NEAR HERE, SO LET'S JUST GO THERE.

YOU SAY WE SHOULD MOVE, BUT TO WHERE?



ALSO...

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY WAY WE CAN HAVE AN EARNEST MEETING ABOUT MONSTERS IN A FAMILY RESTAURANT, AND IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME FOR ME IF ANY ACQUAINTANCES FROM MY WORKPLACE SEE US THERE.



BEFORE WE MOVE ANYWHERE ELSE, LET'S HEAD BACK TO MY PLACE.

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AHHH, YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE. IT'S ALSO DANGEROUS FOR A YOUNG WOMAN TO BE WALKING ABOUT AT NIGHT ON HER OWN...

BUT IT'S ALRIGHT! 'CAUSE YOU'VE GOT IWANAGA AND I HERE WITH YOU.

ALTHOUGH YOU'RE ALSO A OBJECT OF HER TERROR.



AFTER SEEING SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THE THOUGHT OF HEADING HOME LATER, ON MY OWN, DOWN DARK STREETS IS...





NEXT CHAPTER WILL HAVE A COLOR PAGE TOO!!

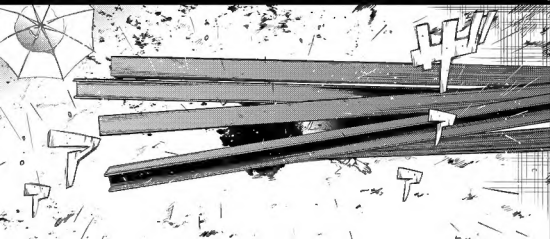


AND THERE,
JUST AS I'D
THOUGHT, A
PILE OF STEEL
GIRDERS HAD
FALLEN.

AND
FURTHERMORE,
WHEN I LOOKED
CAREFULLY...



AND THEN,
IN A PANIC,
I RUSHED TO
REPORT IT TO
THE AUTHORI-
TIES.



THE
GIRDERS
THAT HAD
BECOME SUCH
DEADLY WEAPONS
WERE ABOUT
3-5 METERS IN
LENGTH, SO THE
CORPSE'S FACE
AND SKULL HAD
BEEN UTTERLY
SMASHED IN.

THE
CAUSE
OF DEATH
WAS LISTED
AS "BRAIN
DEATH DUE TO
ACUTE SKULL
FRACTURE"
CAUSED BY
NUMEROUS
STEEL
BEAMS.



SINCE
ONE OF THE
GIRDERS HAD
COLLIDED WITH
THE FRONT OF
HER CRANIUM,
DEATH WAS
MOSTLY
INSTANTA-
NEOUS.

EVERYTHING
FROM HER
NECK UP HAD
BEEN CRUSHED
SO COMPLETELY
THAT IT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE TO
IDENTIFY HER
FROM FACIAL
FEATURES
OR DENTAL
RECORDS.

....IT WAS
AT FIRST
CONCLUDED
THAT THE
REMAINS
WERE THOSE
OF NANASE
HARUKO.



FROM THE CELL-
PHONE, PURSE,
AND STUDENT
ID THE CORPSE
POSSESSED...

